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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Possibility of a Second Afro-Asian Conference

Most of the countries that participated in the Afro-Asian conference in Bandung last April favor a second session in Cairo, according to an Egyptian newspaper. The paper indicated that a date for the meeting would be announced in the near future. The American embassy in Paris also reports that it has been informed [redacted] that preparations for such a meeting in Cairo are under way. This information, however, may well be based on the Egyptian press report as the latter was reprinted in Paris. 25X1

There is actually some evidence that Egypt is interested in playing host to an Afro-Asian conference. On the eve of the Bandung conference, Radio Cairo reported that Premier Nasr had called for a second meeting in Cairo in 1956. [redacted] 25X1

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While there was some discussion at Bandung regarding future meetings, the final conference communiqué simply recommended that the sponsoring countries--the Colombo powers--"consider the next meeting of the conference in consultation with the other countries concerned." There have been no indications that such consultations have been undertaken or that any country, other than Egypt, is interested in another conference in the near future.

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